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INFO CHUSMTM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, US

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF SKYGUARD TECH DATA

REF: STATE 73155 (NOTAL)

1. CHUSMTM HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
BEGIN TEXT: AGREE WITH COMMENTS IN REF. MAJ. KHALID, SON OF
THE SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION (PRINCE SULTAN), HAS
DISCUSSED SKYGUARD/SPARROW SYSTEMS WITH US AIR DEFENSE ADVISORS;
HOWEVER, HE HAS REPEATEDLY DISAVOWED ANY INTEREST IN ACQUIRING
EITHER SYSTEM. IN FACT, ON 4 APRIL 77 HE STATED THAT HE DID
NOT PLAN TO LOOK AT OR ACQUIRE ANY NEW SYSTEMS UNTIL AT LEAST
1980 (AT THAT TIME TRIAD/SQ73 PROGRAM SHOULD BE WELL ESTABLISHED).
KHALID ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED CONTRAVES
AND OTHER CONTRACTORS THAT HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN SKYGUARD.
HE UNDERSTANDS POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF EVEN BEING SUSPECTED
OF BUYING A NEW SYSTEM AND EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS NOT PLANNING
TO BUY.

MAJOR KHALID IS THE MOVING FORCE BEHIND THE SAUDI
AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM. IN SPITE OF HIS APPARENT LOW RANK, HE
HAS IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONNECTIONS AND IS IN A POSITION TO
SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON THE PROGRAM.

RECOMMEND RAYTHEON NOT BE GIVEN AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR
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THE SKYGUARD/SPARROW IN SAUDI ARABIA AT THIS TIME.

(A) MODA HAS EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN IT TO USMTM AND
HAS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ASKED FOR A BRIEFING EITHER OFFI-
CIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY.

(B) MODA WOULD HAVE EXTREME DIFFICULTY ABSORBING A NEW
ARMY AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.

(C) THE SKYGUARD/SPARROW IS UNPROVEN.

END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY FULLY CONCURS WITH CHUSMTM THAT RAYTHEON NOT RPT
NOT BE GIVEN EXPORT LICENSE OR PERMISSION TO BRIEF MODA.
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